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Report Highlights:

On May 24, 2016, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Food Products Labeling" (G/TBT/N/RUS/69). According to the notification, the amendments specify additional requirements for labeling of food products obtained with the use of genetically modified organisms. The public comment period for the draft will close on July 22, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology at ncsci@nist.gov. For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by July 8, 2016.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia [Eurasian Economic Union](#) (EAEU), published the following draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Products Labeling” for public comments on its website:

- [Draft Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Food Products Labeling" \(TR TS 022/2011\)](#)

In particular, the draft specifies that for products obtained with the use of GMO the inscription “GMO” should be marked next to the unified mark of products circulation on the market of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States and the inscription should be similar to the unified mark in form and size.

An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft document can be found below.

On May 24, 2016, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of this draft document via [G/TBT/N/RUS/69](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on July 22, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology at ncsci@nist.gov. For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by July 8, 2016.

According to paragraph 1, part 4.11 of the CU Technical Regulation “On Food Labeling,” food products shall be labeled as GMO if the presence of biotech component is more than 0.9 percent. Up to 0.9 percent of each biotech ingredient is considered adventitious and does not require labeling.

For translation of the full text of the original CU Technical Regulation “On Food Products Labeling” please see GAIN report [RSATO1211 Customs Union Technical Regulations on Food Products Labeling](#). For translation of draft amendments No. 1 to this document please see GAIN report [RS1604 Draft Amendments to EAEU Food Labeling Regulation](#).

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Attachment

to Decision of the Council
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. _____ of _____ 20__

AMENDMENTS
to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union
“On Food Products Labeling” (TR TS 022/2011)

1. To supplement part 4.11 with paragraph 4 as follows:

“4. A sign of marking of products obtained with the use of GMO in the form of the inscription “GMO” shall be marked next to the unified mark of products circulation on the market of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States, and the former shall be similar to the latter in its form and size.”

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